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TO: All IV-D Agents

DATE: September 30, 1998

SUBJECT: Administratively Ordered Genetic Testing

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193 (PRWORA or Welfare Reform), requires states to have expedited procedures allowing certain actions to be taken administratively by the state IV-D agency. PRWORA specifically addresses instances in which a IV-D agency may administratively order genetic testing for the purpose of paternity establishment.

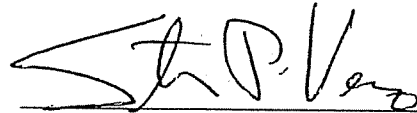
**Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 405.430(1)** was amended by Section 22 of House Bill (HB) 161 to state that when a parent presents himself to the Cabinet for Families and Children (CFC) for voluntary establishment of paternity and clear evidence of parentage is not present, CFC will pay the cost of genetic testing to establish paternity when administratively ordered. Payment by CFC is subject to recoupment from the alleged father when paternity is established.

Parents who visit a child support office seeking information about voluntary acknowledgment of paternity are given an opportunity to apply for child support services. New statutory authority allows child support caseworkers (area office caseworkers and contracting official caseworkers) to administratively order genetic testing when a parent presents himself or herself to CFC for voluntary establishment of paternity and clear evidence of parentage is not present. If either the mother or alleged father is unsure as to whether the alleged father is the biological father of the child, clear evidence of parentage is not present.

Detailed information will be forthcoming to describe procedures that CFC will follow when genetic testing is administratively ordered.

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**NOTE:** See Information Release #749 (June 5, 1998) for a copy of  
HB 161.

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CROSS REFERENCE: Handbook Section 13.000, Paternity